JULY 28TH, 2024 | 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Thomas Aquinas

CATHOLIC CHURCH & STUDENT CENTER

The Diocese of Shreveport

MISSION STATEMENT

We, as members of the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Community of faith in the Diocese of Shreveport, affirm our mission to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to both the local and Catholic college community in the Ruston, Louisiana area. We commit ourselves to God and to this community through a spirit of welcoming and service in the spirit of Christ.

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00PM Vigil Sunday: 9:30AM

> 1:30PM (Spanish) 7:00PM (*Sept. - May*)

DAILY MASSES

Monday: 8:15AM Tuesday: 8:15AM

Wednesday: 8:15AM & 8:00PM

Thursday: 8:15AM Friday: 12:00PM

BAPTISM

Please call the Church Office to schedule

MARRIAGE

Please call Church Office SIX MONTHS in advance to schedule

PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

Monday-Thursday 7:30AM-8:00AM Friday 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM Saturday: 3:30PM to 4:45PM

STAFF/TELEPHONE EXT.

Deacon Robert Ransom

Marcie Tucker (318) 255-2870 Business Manager
Melinda Bryan (318) 525-4906 Interim PSR Director

Matthew Bryan President of Pastoral Council
Thurston Allen Chairman of Finance Council

St. Vincent de Paul Society (318)255-8090



NEW PARISHIONERS

"May the Church be a place of God's mercy and hope, where all feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live according to the good life of the Gospel. And to make others feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged, the Church must be with doors wide open so that all may enter. And we must go out through these doors and proclaim the Gospel." - Pope Francis

Please contact the office to register your membership if you are new in our community.

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August 2nd Paola Torres
August 3rd Danny Nash
August 4th Anna Kate Jackson
Heidi Morphew

Gilberto Espinoza, Jr. Elizabeth Salazar Seth Nichols Damian Nash

August 7th
Damian Nash
Javier Ramirez

August 8th
Landry Tucker

August 10th
Maria Elena Mendez

August 11th
Stephanie Viator

Rosilynn Gillum
George Smith
Beth Buske
Esma Smith

 August 12th
 Beth Buske

 August 13th
 Esma Smith

 August 15th
 Almario Manlutac

 August 16th
 Jonathan Roger

 Heather Jach

 August 17th
 Jerry Drewett

 August 18th
 Ginger Manuel

Michael Gillum Jonathon Rodriguez

August 19th Ed Jacobs
Karen Jacobs

August 20th Cristina Mariano

Fredy Lopez
Nicole Hinton
Theresa Nichols

Allie Jo Martin

August 23rd Leonardo Rodriguez

August 24th Trisha Pangilinan

August 21st

August 26th

August 30th

Jose Hernandez

August 25th

Traci Maier
Frank Cordaro
Merlene Morris

Bill Tubre
Carmen Bishop
Kadie Frost
Donna Serio

August 27th Gene Mariano
Larry Gomez

Adriana Aviles-Vazquez

August 28th Cynthia Murry

Kelly Decerbo Eliza Rust Camilla Deros

August 29th Camilla Derosa Lizeth Ramirez

Thomas Hanna
Dale Brumett

Joseph St. Clair

August 31st

Ronald Barron

Diena May

Diana May Griffin Cortez

If I've missed your birthday, please email me at stacbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com so that I can add you to the master

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 28th

9:30 AM Sunday Mass 1:30 PM Misa en Español 7:00 PM NO Sunday Mass

Monday, July 29th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM Daily Mass
8:30 AM - 4:00PM Church Office Open

8:30 AM - 4:00PM Church Office Open 5:30 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

Tuesday, July 30th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM Penance & Reconciliation 8:15 AM Daily Mass

8:30 AM - 4:00PM Church Office Open

Wednesday, July 31st

7:30 AM - 8:00AM Penance & Reconciliation

8:15 AM Daily Mass

8:30 AM - 4:00PM Church Office Open

6:00 PM - 8:00PM STAY 8:00 PM NO Mass

Thursday, August 1st

7:30 AM - 8:00AM Penance & Reconciliation

8:15 AM Daily Mass

8:30 AM - 4:00PM Church Office Open 6:00PM Choir Practice

Friday, August 2st

8:30 AM - 12:00PM
Church Office Open
11:15 AM - 11:45AM
Penance & Reconciliation
12:00 PM
Daily Mass
Adoration

Saturday, August 3rd

3:30PM - 4:45AM Penance & Reconciliation

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

NO MONDAY DAILY MASS IN AUGUST.

Normal Mass schedule will resume in September.



Ministry Schedule

Saturday July 27th 2024

Lectors: George Trevison, Pam Allen

EMHC: Beth Buske, John R Serio

Altar Servers: Kevin Serio, Mary Virginia & John Mark Adams

Sunday July 28h, 2024

Lectors: Paul Jackson, Stacey Denny

EMHC: Jim Martin, Carol Mercier, Emily Chartier, Tom Bishop

Altar Servers: Brennan & Matthew Jackson, Jake Taulli

Misa en español: Veronica Ramirez, Evelio Lopez

Saturday August 3rd 2024

Lectors: Samantha Groce, Tom Garza

EMHC: Bob Rorie, George Trevison

Altar Servers: Jack, Julie & Jessie Groce

Sunday August 4th, 2024

Lectors: Jim Martin, Ryan Freling

EMHC: Thomas Rogers, Emily Chartier, Mary Ghongkedze,

Tom Bishop

Altar Servers: Maggie & Georgia Rogers, Ramona Bishop

Misa en español: Marichuy Torres, Kimberly Landaverde

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

July 20/21

General Sunday Collection \$5,173.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!



Altar flowers donated by Roland & Pam Allen in honor of Carol Dubel's birthday

If you would like to donate flowers in the church, please call Marcie Tucker at (318)255-2870 for more information.



Please contact the parish office to have names added to our prayer list.

Patti Hooper Allen Quintana Atkins Miriam Bishop Jackie Bolden Frankie Career Bruce Cowan Judy Darcey Laurie Duvall Sean Dwyer Becky Ferrell Robert Frasier Mary Lou French Roxana Gamero Emmely Gay Bernice Harrison Harvey Hayes Maureen Hinton Charles Jacobs Karl Johnson Magnolia Johnson Jeffery Judice Mary Lanning Emily Landry

Chris Letendre Ken Martinez Tobie McKown Claudia Michel Leopoldo Michel Larry Miller Cynthia Murry Katherine Ned Don Olivier Matthew Reichert Tristen Roberts Pearline Robey Laura Leigh Saleese Jennie Schutte-Patrick Nicole Smith Polly Smith

Nicole Smith
Polly Smith
Tyler Sorrels
Willie Tannerhill
Karen Taylor
Diane Theriot
Pam Turner
David & Kim St.

David & Kim St. John Kathleen "Kathy" Walter

Janice Williams



Saturday July 27th Sister Maria Juana Vanegas, OCJ +

(by George & Carmen Trevison)

Sunday July 28th For the parishioners of St. Thomas

Aquinas

Monday July 29th Mike Duddy +

(by Esma Smith)

<u>Tuesday July 30th</u> Harrison Tallmadge +

(by Ken & Trish Carter)

Wednesday July 31st Oscar Hannibal +

(by Phyllis Lampo)

Friday August 2nd Alfred P Trevison +

(by George & Carmen Trevison)

You may have Masses offered for your intentions, or for the intentions of your loved ones, both living and deceased. Please call the parish office for more information and available dates or you can now check our website https://stthomasaquinasruston.com/calendar/



During the summer, after VBS has concluded, the Luffey gym and the smaller youth room are open for parishioners to reserve to use during regular office hours times. During office hours are the hours the doors are unlocked. The office manager, however is not babysitter or "in charge" of your chosen activity. All minors must have supervision. All events with minors must have two adults present to follow protecting God's children guidelines. The goal of activities should be St. Thomas Aquinas community building through shared interests or activities. Be prepared to share spaces: if one group is in the youth room, another might be in the gym. Label any food or drinks placed in the refrigerator. Wash dishes after use see and run a load of laundry if you use towels. Dump food trash, and sweep food or craft crumbs.

- 1. https://stthomasruston.shelbynextchms.com/ This link will allow you to log in to the calendar to sign up for a room or space. When you get logged in you can view the parish calendar.
- 2. All areas of the facility and bathrooms must be used with respect and cleaned up after use. Any after hours use requests should be made to the office. No children may be left unattended. "leave all areas better than when you arrived" is the goal.
- 3. If you would like to facilitate a regularly scheduled meeting/club or activity, make sure the office manager (Marcie Tucker) has okayed the space and time.

Ideas: walking club, yoga, crafts, crochet, knitting clubs, bible study, prayer group, and the like.

Use of church owned property such as basketball goals need brief instruction as to how to move them in the gym. They should be returned to their current place by the rolling door. The church owns two pickleball nets which also need instruction for use how to set up and return to closet.

If you would like to host an event or open time and need something announced, Marcie Tucker, Mindy Bryan or Marina Bishop can be contacted for sending messages to the parish.

Happy planning!

PSR Registration is Open!

Registration for Children: PSR registration for the 2024-2025 is OPEN. Please use the below QR code to register and pay (for books) for your child. Using this QR code, you are registering for classes on SUNDAY mornings. PSR will immediately follow 10:00am (Sunday morning) mass and be taught from 11:00am-12:00noon. Books this year are \$35 per child (no cap for families). If you have questions or need financial assistance, please contact Mindy Bryan (PSR Director) at 318-525-4906 or melinda@latech.edu.

Forms in Spanish Coming Soon: Next weekend, this form will be available in both English and Spanish.

Sunday Morning Volunteers: We will also be looking for a few volunteers to teach or substitute teach on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please contact Mindy at your earliest convenience.







Thanks again to Robert Ransom for holding our 3rd tennis clinic for our youth! Great to be able to take advantage of this cold front this last week!



Dear Friends and Supporters,

We are thrilled to announce our new partnership with EveryLife, a pro-life diaper company committed to providing quality, cost-efficient products for your baby. This partnership is more than just a collaboration—it's a 'Win, win, win'!

- 1. You win by using quality, cost-efficient products that your baby will love for their comfort.
- 2. EveryLife wins by producing quality products and raising awareness of pro-life efforts. Did you know that many major diaper brands support abortion efforts both financially and vocally? Such a contradiction. EveryLife stands apart with its pro-life mission.
- 3. Life Choices of NCLA wins by receiving a percentage of the orders. By using our discount code, EveryLife gives us a percent of your purchase that helps us continue to minister to young ladies and families in your community.

We understand that not everyone needs diapers, but we wanted to share this exciting news to highlight our commitment to partnering with companies that support our cause. EveryLife's dedication to pro-life values aligns perfectly with our mission, and together, we can make a significant impact.

Thank you for your continued support. Your contributions, whether through purchasing EveryLife products or in other ways, help us make a positive difference in our community.

Warm regards, Kathleen B. Richard, LMSW Executive Director, Life Choices of NCLA

P.S. Don't forget to use our discount code when purchasing from EveryLife to ensure that a portion of your purchase supports our mission!

LINCOLN ROTARY CLUB

SUMMER COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE 2024

pre-packed bags at Super I Ruston for purchase all bags will go to CCA please help us with this on-going summer food drive

CCA Needs Your Help

please buy a bag and place in the bin at Super I Foods Lincoln Rotary members will deliver all bags to CCA

Thanks in Advance!

Pictured is Victoria Sullivan, Lincoln Rotary President along with some of the club members delivering a load of purchased bags to CCA and Stephanie Matthews, Director of CCA.





Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel, Jesus supersedes both the apostles' and the crowds' expectations: with little he feeds many...Jesus is the sign of God's lavish presence and love. Your donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is indeed a sign of God's extravagant love to the lonely and the poor. This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families, providing in food, for utilities, rent and other bills. God Bless You!

Décimo Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario:

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús desplaza las expectativas de ambos, Sus apóstoles y la muchedumbre: con poco da de comer a muchos...Jesús es el signo de la espléndida presencia y amor de Dios. Tus donativos a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl de nuestra parroquia son, de verdad, signos también del amor extravagante de Dios a los más abandonados y pobres. Este mes, por medio de tus donaciones a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl, logramos asistir a familias, proveyendo en comestibles, para facturas de luz, gas, agua, renta y otros gastos. ¡Que Dios se los pague....muchas gracias!



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St Thomas Aquinas Men's Club strives to create and foster a spirit of fellowship among our members. **Upcoming meeting August 14, 2024 at 6:00pm** All men are welcome! If you have any questions contact Joshua Adams (318)548-6686.



All women of St. Thomas Aquinas are invited to the Women's Guild meetings in the Luffey Center. Please join us for lunch and fellowship. If you are new to St. Thomas Aquinas parish, please know that we would love to meet you and welcome you to our church! For more information call or text Rhonda at 318.548.7127. Upcoming meeting August 13 2024 at noon.



Happy Summer

The 2023-2024 school year has wrapped up and many of our ACTS members have headed home for the summer. However, there is still lots happening at the center!

Throughout the summer, students will be coming and going for our freshman orientation sessions. At each of the four sessions, a new group of incoming freshmen will be visiting Louisiana Tech's campus to get a taste of college life. Current ACTS members will be setting up booths for freshman to visit. We appreciate your prayers as we work to spread the word of God and expand our community.

On August 31, Welcome Week will begin! Current ACTS members have been working hard to create fun activities to greet the freshmen. We will also be helping students move in during Dog Haul. We can't wait for another amazing year!

For more information, please visit: stac-acts.com

Summer ACTStivities

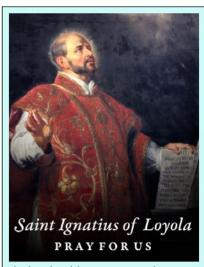
Orientations:

June 5-7 June 19 – 21 July 10-12 July 24-26

Dog Haul: Aug 31- Sept 6

Welcome Week: Starts Aug 31





The founder of the Jesuits was on his way to military fame and fortune when a cannon ball shattered his leg. Because there were no books of romance on hand during his convalescence, Ignatius whiled away the time reading a life of Christ and lives of the saints. His conscience was deeply touched, and a long, painful turning to Christ began. Having seen the Mother of God in a vision, he made a pilgrimage to her shrine at Montserrat near Barcelona. He remained for almost a year at nearby Manresa, sometimes with the Dominicans, sometimes in a pauper's hospice, often in a cave in the hills praying. After a period of great peace of mind, he went through a harrowing trial of scruples. There was no comfort in anything—prayer, fasting, sacraments, penance. At length, his peace of mind returned.

It was during this year of conversion that Ignatius began to write down material that later became his greatest work, the Spiritual Exercises.

He finally achieved his purpose of going to the Holy Land, but could not remain, as he planned, because of the hostility of the Turks. Ignatius spent the next 11 years in various European universities, studying with great difficulty, beginning almost as a child. Like many others, his orthodoxy was questioned; Ignatius was twice jailed for brief periods.

In 1534, at the age of 43, he and six others—one of whom was Saint Francis Xavier—vowed to live in poverty and chastity and to go to the Holy Land. If this became impossible, they vowed to offer themselves to the apostolic service of the pope. The latter became the only choice. Four years later Ignatius made the association permanent. The new Society of Jesus was approved by Pope Paul III, and Ignatius was elected to serve as the first general.

When companions were sent on various missions by the pope, Ignatius remained in Rome, consolidating the new venture, but still finding time to found homes for orphans, catechumens, and penitents. He founded the Roman College, intended to be the model of all other colleges of the Society.

Ignatius was a true mystic. He centered his spiritual life on the essential foundations of Christianity—the Trinity, Christ, the Eucharist. His spirituality is expressed in the Jesuit motto, Ad majorem Dei gloriam—"for the greater glory of God." In his concept, obedience was to be the prominent virtue, to assure the effectiveness and mobility of his men. All activity was to be guided by a true love of the Church and unconditional obedience to the Holy Father, for which reason all professed members took a fourth vow to go wherever the pope should send them for the salvation of souls.

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With thanksgiving to God, the Diocese of Shreveport joyfully announces the acceptance of two new seminarians. Please join us in praying for our newest seminarians, Brett Reggio and Alan Landeros. Brett and Alan will enter seminary in August, God willing.

Brett currently resides in San Antonio, TX but grew up in Haughton. While living in Haughton he was a parishioner at St. Pius X. He graduated from LA Tech and served in the United States Air Force.

Alan currently resides in Bossier City. He and his family are parishioners of St. Mary of the Pines. Alan graduated from Parkway High School this May.



2024 Catholic Service Appeal Report

Parish and Location	Parish ID	# of Parkit Families	# of Families Participating 2024 (to date)	Participation Percentage	2024 Parish Good	Amount Findged 2024 (to date)	% Goal Pledged	Amount Cardributes 2024
Miscellaneous Contributions	1	0	31		5	56,512		55,712
St. Joseph, Bastrop	8	83	15	16%	\$ 9,000	\$9,055	33.0%	\$2,635
Mary, Queen of Peace	10	333	80	24%	\$ 69,000	\$55,305	80.2%	\$50,005
Christ the King - Bossier City	33	435	58	1374	5 28,000	\$18,805	59.3%	\$13,810
St. Jude Church - Bossier City	32	1,094	195	10%	\$ 144,000	\$62,091	57.0%	\$69,101
St. Ann, Elseris	25	84	90	36%	\$ 17,000	\$10,975	61.0%	\$8,135
St. Benedict the Black	31	26	6	23%	5 3,000	\$950	31.7%	5850
St. Lucy - Hodge	. 33	48	10	23%	5 12,000	\$4,200	35.0%	\$4,075
St. Margaret, Homer	34	21	12	57%	\$ 12,000	\$4,965	41,4%	\$3,165
St. Patrick - Lake Providence	38	50	11	22%	\$ 9,000	\$5,075	56.4%	\$4,975
St. Joseph, Marafield	41	97	35	36%	5 70,000	528,447	40.6%	\$19,277
St. John the Baptist - Many	44	160	87	29%	\$ 25,000	\$15,096	65.6%	\$11,005
St Taranca	45	56		15%	5 6,000	54,835	72.1%	\$4,250
Blessed Sacrament, Ringgold	46	19	6	32%	\$ 3,000	\$1,250	41.7%	51,290
St. Paul - Minden	47	80	19	24%	\$ 14,000	\$4,270	30.5%	\$3,190
Jesus the Good Shepherd	48	600	109	18%	\$ 91,000	\$68,833	75.6%	\$62,919
Little Flower of Jesus	49	146	32	22%	\$ 5,000	\$4,360	87.2%	\$3,640
Our Lady of Fatime	30	102	32	10%	\$ 27,000	\$19,255	71.0%	\$19,130
St. Matthew	52	383	44	11%	\$ 36,000	\$13,400	37.2%	\$12,550
Sacred Heart, Call Grove	38	33	7	13%	\$ 3,000	\$175	25.8%	5775
St. Theresa - Delhi	59	27	2	77%	\$ 3,000	5600	20.0%	\$600
St. George, Coushatta	63	30	14	47%	\$ 12,000	\$8,890	74.1%	\$8,050
Sacred Heart, Rayville	64	40	- 6	15%	5 6,000	51,190	19.8%	\$1,090
St. Thomas Aquinas - Ruston	65	267	34	13%	\$ 32,000	\$20,160	63.0%	\$18,735
Holy Trinity	68	675	77	11%	\$ 75,000	\$54,068	72.1%	\$47,748
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	69	140	28	20%	\$ 11,000	\$5,820	52.0%	\$4,495
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Shreveport	70	132	40	30%	5 13,000	54,636	66.4%	\$7,660
Cathedral of St. John Berchmans	72	645	121	19%	\$ 189,000	\$105,277	54.6%	\$81,117
St. Joseph Church - Shreveport	73	729	184	25%	\$ 240,000	\$135,713	56.5%	\$115,537
St. Mary of the Pines	74	714	98	14%	\$ 55,000	534,224	62.2%	\$27,179
St. Plus X	. 75	152	39	30%	\$ 34,000	\$22,040	64,0%	\$17,560
St. Clement - Vivian	82	44	19	43%	\$ 11,000	\$5,765	52.4%	\$4,290
St. Faschal - West Monroe	83	499	83	17%	5 53,000	535,747	67.4%	531,275
St. Joseph, Zwolie	86	636	117	18%	\$ 80,000	\$49,900	62.4%	\$35,340
St. Lawrence - Swartz	90	75	7	9%	\$ 5,000	\$475	33.5%	\$475
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	91	182	14	EN.	\$ 9,000	\$3,545	39.4%	\$2,720
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	93	913	195	18%	\$ 176,000	5117,687	66.9%	\$103,192
St. Ann, Stonewall	.94	110	20	18%	\$ 15,000	\$7,200	48.0%	\$5,075
TOTAL (DIOCESE)		9,960	1,863	19%	\$ 1,600,000	5964,315	60.3%	\$813,836

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 28, 2024

"I implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called." Are you being called to help feed the people of God as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or contact Director of Vocations Father Raney Johnson at

rjohnson@sjbcathedral.org



Decimoséptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario – 28 de julio de 2024

"Te imploro que camines de una manera digna del llamamiento con el que has sido llamado". ¿Está siendo llamado a ayudar a alimentar al pueblo de Dios como sacerdote o hermano religioso o hermana religiosa? Hable con su sacerdote o comuníquese con la Father Raney Johnson Oficina de Vocaciones por correo electrónico: rjohnson@sjbcathedral.org





Jesus The Good Shepherd Catholic Church



Whether you're coping with the death of a parent or grandparent ... a spouse ... a child ... a relative ... or a close friend ... we invite you to come and be comforted through a unique support group here at JGS entitled SEASONS OF HOPE. This program, rooted in Catholic tradition, conveys God's consolation through scripture, prayer, reflection, and sharing of faith. We will meet every Thursday beginning September 12 for six weeks from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Call the Church Office (318-325-7549) for further information or to sign up.

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